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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, PFOR, JM

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY TO END SOON; PM DEFENDS RIGHTS RECORD

1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS APRIL 22 ADDRESS ON THE EMERGENCY PRODUCTION PLAN, PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLANS AN EARLY END TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, IN EFFECT SINCE LAST JUNE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO USED THE OCCASION TO DEFEND HIS GOVERNMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. NOTING THAT OPPOSITION LEADER EDDIE SEAGA IS USING TRAVEL ABROAD TO DISCUSS ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN JAMAICA IN MEETING WITH (1) AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND (2) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, MANLEY REVEALED THAT HE HAS WRITTEN TO THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS INVITING THEM TO SEND INQUIRY TEAMS TO THE ISLAND TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF SEAGA'S ASSERTIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS RELATIVELY WIDELY BELIEVED IN

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JAMAICA THAT MANLEY'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY STEMS DIRECTLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING WHICH THE SECRETARY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TOLD PATTERSON THAT THEY STATE OF EMERGENCY MUST BE LIFTED AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ASSISTANCE. WE SUPPOSE THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS A LESS DRAMATIC CAUSE. WHILE MANLEY IS PROBABLY NOT

OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, THE AMERICAN POSITION  
IS WELL KNOWN -- AND JAMAICA DESPERATELY NEEDS OUR AID.  
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